

Claims 1-44 are pending in the application and subject to a restriction requirement. As set forth in the office action mailed August 27, 2002, claims 1-24 are drawn to a product, classified in class 277, subclass 355; and claims 25-44 are drawn to a process of making, classified in class 156, subclass 307.1.

Applicants hereby confirm the election of the invention of Group I, claims 1-24 on August 15, 2002.

By the present amendment, claims 25-44 drawn to the non-elected invention have been cancelled without prejudice.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application to the subject matter of these claims.

Having made an election telephonically, the Examiner handling the instant application was obligated to conduct a search on the elected invention. Applicants assume that such search has been conducted and that since there is no rejection of record that claims 1-24 have been found to be allowable.

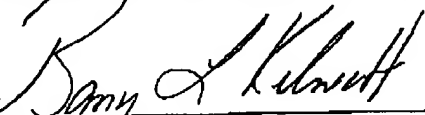
There being only allowable claims in the instant application, Applicants hereby respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, he is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed to be due as a result of this response. Should the Commissioner determine that a fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 21-0279.

Respectfully submitted,

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